

A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study
issues related to the relocation of utility lines.

WHEREAS, Publicly owned drinking water, sanitary sewer or fuel gas utility lines
provided needed and essential services to customers across the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Highway projects serve to meet the vital transportation needs of
communities across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Highway projects occasionally require that utility lines be relocated; and

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee currently pays certain relocation costs relating to
certain improvements and route changes in the interstate highway system as well as removal
from public streets and highways pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 5,
Part 8; and

WHEREAS, The State does not compensate utilities for costs related to all highway
projects even though the costs of relocation may work a financial hardship on the customers of
these utilities;

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 794/Senate Bill No. 1440 addresses issues related to the
financial hardship imposed on the customers of utilities due to highway projects; and

WHEREAS, The issues raised by the relocation of utility lines merit further examination
and study by this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That

there is hereby created a special joint committee to study issues related to the relocation of utility lines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and shall be paid as members of the General Assembly are paid for attending legislative meetings as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and any other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee submit its recommendations to the General Assembly no later than February 26, 1996, after which time the committee shall cease to exist.